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SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

NEW YORK

Young Men's Christian Association

PRESENTED MAY 9th, 1859,

WITH THE

Treasurer's Report and other Documents.

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1859.

Seventh Annual Meeting.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the NEW YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION was held at the Church of the Puritans, Union Square, on Monday Evening, May 9th, BENJAMIN F. MANIERRE, Esq., President, in the Chair.

After reading the Scriptures (1 Cor. c. xiii.), and prayer by the Rev. SAMUEL D. BURCHARD, D. D., the Annual Report was read by the President, and the Treasurer's Report by FREDERICK C. JONES, Esq.

The audience was then addressed by Rev. WILLIAM A. BARTLETT, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. N. SAWYER, of Yonkers, N. Y.; and GEORGE H. STUART, Esq., of Philadelphia.

Rev. HUGH SMITH CARPENTER, of Brooklyn, who had been invited to speak, and was present, excused himself on account of the lateness of the hour.

During the evening, Dr. GUILMETTE sang, as a solo, the LXXXIVth Psalm.

The following resolutions, offered by WILLARD HARVEY, Esq., were unanimously adopted :

Resolved—That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby, tendered to the Board of Trustees of the Church of the Puritans, for the kind manner in which they responded to the request of our Committee, and opened for our use upon this occasion their elegant house of worship.

Resolved—That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby, tendered to Dr. CHARLES A. GUILMETTE, for his very acceptable musical assistance at this meeting.

The benediction was then pronounced by the Rev. Mr. CARPENTER.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR 1859-60.

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BENJAMIN F. MANIERRE,
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For 1859-60.

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For 1859-60.

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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

We, the subscribers, actuated by a desire to promote evangelical religion among the young men of this city and its vicinity, and impressed with the importance of concentrated effort to aid in accomplishing that object, and desirous of forming an association in which we may together labor for the great end proposed, hereby agree to adopt for our united government the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT.

SECTION 1. The name of this Society shall be "The New York Young Men's Christian Association," and it shall be located in the City of New York.

SEC. 2. The object of this Association shall be the improvement of the spiritual, mental and social condition of young men, by the ways and means to be hereinafter designated.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. The members of this Association shall consist of five kinds, viz., Active, Associate, Counseling, Life, and Honorary Members.

SEC. 2. Any man under forty years of age, who is a member, in good standing, of an Evangelical Church, may become an active member by payment, in advance, of two dollars annually. *Active members* only shall have the right to vote, and be eligible to office; and it shall be their particular duty to carry out the objects of this Association.

SEC. 3. Any man of good moral character may become an associate member, by the payment, in advance, of two dollars annually. Associate members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association, except those of voting and being eligible to office.

SEC. 4. Any man who is a member of an Evangelical Church, in good standing, and who by reason of age is excluded from active membership, is eligible to be a counseling member, on payment of five dollars annually, in advance; or to be such for life, on payment of twenty dollars at one time: and, if elected, shall have all the privileges of the Association, except those of voting and holding office.

SEC. 5. Life members may be constituted by the payment of twenty dollars at any one time, subject to the qualifications and restrictions named in sections two and three of this article.

SEC. 6. Honorary members may be constituted from those who, by their age lose their active membership, and such others as may be proposed at a regular meeting, subject to the same qualifications and restrictions as life members.

SEC. 7. Any member of the Association may propose the name of an applicant for membership at any of its regular meetings; but a vote shall not be taken thereon until the next regular monthly meeting of the Association, when a vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to elect said applicant.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. The members of the Association shall seek out young men taking up their residence in New York and its vicinity, and endeavor to bring them under moral and religious influence, by aiding them in the selection of suitable boarding places and employment, by introducing them to the members and privileges of this Association, securing their attendance at some place of worship on the Sabbath, and, by every means in their power, surrounding them with Christian influences.

SEC. 2. The members of the Association shall exert themselves to interest the churches, to which they respectively belong, in the object and welfare of the Association. They shall labor to induce all suitable young men of their acquaintance to connect themselves with the Association, and use all practical means for increasing its membership, activity and usefulness.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and sixteen Directors, and two

of the sixteen shall be elected from each of the denominations represented in the Association. The four first named officers shall be Directors *ex-officio*, and together with the sixteen other Directors shall constitute the Board.

SEC. 2. A Nominating Committee of twelve members, two from each denomination represented in the Association, shall be appointed annually by the Association, and at least one month previous to the annual election, to nominate all the above officers.

SEC. 3. All the above named Officers and Directors shall be elected by ballot, on the Tuesday evening preceding the annual meeting in May next, and shall enter upon office, and hold the same for one year from the fourth Monday in May ensuing ; when one-half of the Directors shall be designated by lot to serve an additional year, and thereafter one-half of the Directors shall be elected annually on the first Tuesday evening in May.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors, and preserve in strict exercise the rules established by Parliamentary usage. It shall also be the duty of the President, to present, at the annual meeting of the Association, a full report of the doings and progress of the Association during the past year.

SEC. 2. The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Board of Directors, be the organ of the Association in its conferences with other Societies, and with the public ; he shall keep copies of all letters written by him, and files of those received by him, relating to the affairs of the Association.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Association, and disburse the same under the direction of the Board of Directors ; and shall keep a full and correct account of his transactions, and report to the Board when so required, and to the Association at its annual meeting.

SEC. 4. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Recording Secretary, and Librarian, to act under their supervision. He must possess the qualifications necessary for active membership, and shall attend all meetings, and keep a correct record of the proceedings thereat, and notify all officers and members of their election.

SEC. 5. He shall also take charge of, and keep in order, all books, documents and other movable property of the Association, keep a correct catalogue and account of the same, and also a record of all books delivered to the members of the Association, and shall keep a full and complete record of the name, place of business and of residence, denomination and church, of each member of the Association, stating to which class of members he belongs, and when and by whom he was introduced to the Association. Said record

shall be kept open at the rooms or the Association for the inspection of its members. He shall also collect all moneys due the Association, rendering all accounts of the same to the Treasurer. For all of which services he shall be entitled to a reasonable compensation, to be determined by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 6. The Board of Directors shall hold their meetings at least once a month; eleven shall constitute a quorum thereof.

ARTICLE VI.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. There shall be the following Standing Committees of the Association, viz.: A Visiting Committee; a Committee on Churches; a Committee on Employment, and a Committee on Boarding Houses: to consist of six members each, one from each denomination represented in the Association, to be appointed annually by the Nominating Committee. Said Standing Committees and all Special Committees of the Association, excepting those of Investigation, shall be subject to the Board of Directors, and shall report to them upon their written request.

SEC. 2. The duties of the Visiting Committee shall be to visit and welcome the new members of the Association, and those commended to the Association; and also to relieve the sick, of the Association, so far as in their power.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Churches to introduce all members and strangers, desiring their services, to churches and pastors. To receive applications for, and recommend teachers to Sabbath Schools. To endeavor to bring the young men of the churches, and of the city generally, under the influences of, and to interest them in, this Association, and to manage the regular devotional meetings of the Association, subject to the approval of the Board.

SEC. 4. The Employment Committee shall aid members in securing places of employment.

SEC. 5. The Boarding House Committee shall aid members in selecting boarding houses.

ARTICLE VII.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

In case of any vacancy occurring in the offices, the Board of Directors shall have power to fill the same until the time of the next annual election.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. There shall be a meeting of the Association on the *fourth Monday evening* of each month, for the proposal and election of members, for the promotion of Christian and social intercourse, and for the reception and consideration of such information as will advance the welfare of the Association.

SEC. 2. There shall be an *annual meeting* of the Association on the Monday evening of Anniversary week, in May, at which time the reports of the President and Treasurer shall be read.

SEC. 3. Special meetings of the Association for the transaction of business, may be called by the President at the written request of ten members thereof.

SEC. 4. Twenty-one members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting where business is to be transacted.

SEC. 5. All meetings of the Association shall be opened by the reading of the Scriptures and prayer, and closed by prayer and singing.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

The provisions of this Constitution, by which none but members in good standing of evangelical churches may vote and hold office, shall never be annulled; and no amendment of this Constitution may be made, by which, if made, would allow these said provisions to be annulled.

In other respects this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association, provided such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed at a meeting at least one month previous.

ARTICLE X.

DISCIPLINE.

SEC. 1. In the case of misconduct, or neglect of duty in office, the majority of the Board of Directors may declare the office of such offender vacant.—Absence from three successive meetings without excuse, shall be considered such a neglect of duty. Due opportunity for defence shall be allowed the accused.

SEC. 2. In case any member shall be charged with immorality, by reason of which he shall no longer be qualified for membership, under Article II of

the Constitution, a Committee of five shall be appointed at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting to be called for that purpose, whose duty it shall be to investigate such charges, and report the result of such investigation, and all testimony taken thereon, to the next meeting. Any person so charged may attend before such committee, and may introduce testimony rebutting such charge.

SEC. 3. At a meeting of the Association at which such report shall be made, said report may be adopted or rejected ; and, if adopted, the accused shall be thereby expelled the Association, and shall forfeit all his rights and privileges thereto. At such a meeting, and before the adoption or rejection of such report, the accused may make his defence.

B Y - L A W S

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

MEETINGS.

1. The regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the evening of the second Monday of each month.
2. Special meetings may be called by the President, upon the written request of three Directors, specifying the object of the meeting.
3. Any member absenting himself from two consecutive regular meetings without excuse, shall be duly notified thereof by the Recording Secretary ; and should he be absent from the regular meeting next succeeding such notification, without assigning good and sufficient reason for such continued absence, his office may be declared vacant, by a vote of two-thirds of those present.
4. All meetings shall be opened and closed with devotional exercises.
5. The business of regular meetings shall be conducted in the following order :
 - 1.—Calling of the Roll.
 - 2.—Reading Minutes of the preceding meeting.
 - 3.—Treasurer's Report.
 - 4.—Corresponding Secretary's Report.
 - 5.—Reports of Committees.
 - 6.—Unfinished Business.
 - 7.—Miscellaneous Business.

COMMITTEES.

1. There shall be appointed by the President four standing Committees consisting of not less than four members each, viz. :

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ROOMS AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

LECTURE COMMITTEE.

The action of all of which shall be subject to the supervision of the Board.

2. The FINANCE COMMITTEE shall have charge of the financial interests of the Association, and approve all demands against the Association previous to payment by the Treasurer.

3. The ROOMS AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE shall have charge of all the property of the Association, except its funds, and provide for the increase, preservation and arrangement of the Library and reading matter in the Rooms. They shall admit to the Library and Reading Rooms only such publications as they shall approve, and shall have charge of and provide leaders for all devotional meetings held in the Rooms of the Association.

4. The PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMMITTEE shall have the direction of the printing and publishing of all matter issued by the Association, and shall attend to all distributions ordered by the Board.

5. The LECTURE COMMITTEE shall have power to provide for the delivery of public lectures and sermons, upon subjects adapted to the spiritual and mental improvement of young men ; and shall provide suitable essays, or reviews, to be read at the monthly meetings of the Association.

6. The President of the Association shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of each of the Standing Committees.

7. Committees or Directors collecting or receiving funds for the Association, shall pay the same immediately over to the Treasurer, unless specially instructed by the Board to retain them.

EXPENDITURES.

1. No Committee or Director is authorized to incur any liability, on the part of the Association, without previous appropriation of the Board therefor.

2. The Treasurer shall pay no demands except upon vouchers approved by the Finance Committee.

3. All bills incurred by the several Committees, shall be handed to the Finance Committee, for approval, within ten days after their date.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Directors, present at a regular meeting, notice having been given, at a previous meeting, of the proposed amendment ; or by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the whole Board at any regular meeting, without previous notice.

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STATED MEETINGS.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS on the fourth Monday evening of every month, in the Rooms.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Reading the Scriptures and Prayer.
2. Reading the Journal of the preceding meeting.
3. Election of Members.
4. Proposal of Members.
5. Miscellaneous business during 25 minutes—such as reports, extracts from interesting correspondence with similar Associations, by the Corresponding Secretary; general intelligence, tending to advance the interest of the Society, and brief statements of the condition of its business affairs, *when called for*.
6. An interval of 20 minutes, to be devoted to mutual introduction, interchange of feeling, and general conversation.
7. An Essay by a member of the Association, on a subject previously assigned to him by the committee on Essays and Reviews. The subject of the Essay to be of a moral or religious character, not sectarian or political, in length limited to 15 minutes, and then the subject to be thrown open to the Association for general conversation for 30 minutes more.
The Essay to alternate monthly, if practicable, with a written Review of some book. The Review to be subject to the same restrictions as the Essay.
8. Prayer and Singing.

DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS, every Wednesday and Saturday evenings, at $8\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock in the Rooms.

Reading Rooms of the Association open daily (Sundays excepted) from $7\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. to $10\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.

ANNUAL REPORT.

With this anniversary we add one more year to the age of the Christian Association, and with that year an increase of vigor and usefulness. Whatever success, or good, may have resulted from our labors, we owe it all to that kind and merciful Providence whose watchful care has been over us and by whose Spirit we have been guided and cheered in our efforts to advance the cause of our blessed Saviour.

It cannot be expected that our Annual Reports should differ much, as our work is special in its character, and the difference can only exist in the greater or less amount of labor performed and its results.

It is gratifying to report that there has been no retrograde movement in our operations, and in nearly if not quite all branches of our work, there has been a steady though not rapid advancement, yet as great perhaps as the somewhat limited means at our disposal would permit. The association, however, is not feeble or languid, and the spirit which animates its membership betokens the approach of a day of greater usefulness.

The moral power which concentrates in a membership of nearly 1000 active Christian young men, in the City of New York, a power ready to be called into play whenever opportunity presents, cannot be over estimated. God in His wisdom has lodged much force in the Christian Association, and when our Christian men, and the churches, fully see this, and feel its

truth, we cannot doubt that we shall receive a greater degree of sympathy and pecuniary support from those who should be found *now* doing for us, what they have neglected to do in years gone by. We have the heads to conceive and the hands to perform God's work among the young men of our City, and shall labor on, knowing that the seed we sow will not fail to produce its fruit, both in time and in eternity.

The thousands of young men who come to this City from their peaceful, moral homes in the country, seeking homes, business and companionship here—who shall meet them when they come? That is a question for the Christian public to answer. Those who know anything about the perils of City life, understand full well the dangers which beset their path; we propose to meet them when they enter our metropolis, to win their confidence and to extend that kindly sympathy which shall secure it forever, and thus to lead them in virtue's path, and save them from the temptations to which so many yield and are lost. We are sure we do not err when we assert, that the Christian Associations of the world are valuable instrumentalities which Christian wisdom has instituted to present a successful barrier to the attractions with which Satan gilds his “pathways to the gates of death.” Of the power of association we need not speak, it is well understood. We may say briefly that it is our experience that hundreds of young men have been introduced into our Society who probably would never have found their way into our church organizations, and many of them are now the most energetic and active of our Christian men.

No less than twenty-two of our Associate members have been converted during the past year, and are now enrolled upon the church records, as worthy members of the several denominations to which they have attached themselves.

And yet, with such facts as these, we are desirous that our Pastors should not think that we design to interfere with the

special work of the ministry. We propose to aid them, and we are sure they will gladly accept the services which we cordially tender; and we embrace this opportunity to bear testimony to the uniform kindness which we have experienced at the hands of the Clergy of this city, and for the confidence which they have reposed in us.

We hope the young men of our churches will study the character of the work which the Association proposes to do, and we are sure it will meet with their approbation and their support.

We now call attention to a rapid survey of our operations during the year, as exhibited by the action of the several standing committees.

Library Committee.

Our Rooms have been liberally supplied with the best current Literature of the day, no less than 18 Magazines, 47 daily and weekly, and 13 monthly Papers, and 9 Quarterly Reviews, have been placed on our tables. 51 volumes have been added to the library, which now contains 2,338 volumes. An effort was made last year to establish a Free Library of reference for the Bible Student, but owing to the want of the necessary means, nothing has been done. We hope that we shall soon be able to carry out this design.

The devotional, as well as the monthly meetings have been generally well attended. The Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting has probably done more to build up and strengthen our operations than any other. Many have been awakened, and some have been converted through their instrumentality. The meetings are social in their character and just suited to our membership. We call especial attention to these pleasant gatherings, and hope they will be more largely attended; to

them, all are cordially invited, the members and their unconverted friends, the one to gain strength in their devotions and the other to seek the Saviour, and find in Him those joys which are not bounded by this world's cares and toils.

Printing and Publishing Committee.

There have been printed and circulated nearly three thousand copies of the 6th Annual Report, with a Sermon by the Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., D. D., preached before the Association on Sabbath Evening of Anniversary week, upon "The Law of Growth in the Kingdom of God." The amount expended by this committee is \$263.66.

Much good might be accomplished by issuing at suitable intervals, "Occasional Papers," upon subjects relating to the social and spiritual interests of young men; and here, as in other parts of our work, we are suffering from the want of means to extend our usefulness and the Master's kingdom.

Employment Committee.

The duties devolving upon this Committee are the most responsible and delicate of any, as is readily understood by all who have attempted to secure employment for the young, and yet our labors have been attended with a good degree of success, and might have been much more so did our merchants understand that here they could procure good and faithful Christian young men as clerks, and for other employment. A merchant of Savannah, Ga., was desirous of procuring a clerk, and applied to our Committee. They immediately supplied him with a young man of moral worth and ability, and recently the Committee received a letter from the merchant thanking them for securing to him the services of so good a man.

A young man desirous of preparing for the ministry was properly taken care of and is now pursuing his studies. Two others have been provided with situations, and others have been advised and counseled by the Committee.

It is proper to remark that all those who have thus far applied, and have been aided, are not members of our own or of any other Association, and yet the Committee have in every case done their best to further the interests of all the deserving who have called upon them for their services.

Boarding House Committee.

Our Boarding House Register has been very carefully prepared and revised, and is the most perfect record of the kind anywhere to be found. More than one hundred and twenty boarding houses are registered, and all of them are such as the Committee recommend as in every way reliable, where Christian homes may be secured.

Applications are daily made for the use of the Register both by our citizens and by strangers. Recently a young man arrived from England on Thursday and by Saturday night, by the aid of the Committee, was comfortably lodged in a Christian home.

This is only one of the hundreds of instances that occur during the year, and we wish our country friends could all be made acquainted with the fact that we should delight to aid all who come to this city seeking homes, or on temporary visits.

Let no pastor or parent hesitate to give letters of introduction to the Association ; we know the importance to the young, when they come to this City, that they come to Christian friends, and we offer to all such our warmest attentions and Christian sympathies.

The lease of the premises, No. 32 Waverley Place, which we

had occupied for the last three years, having expired, and feeling that it was important that we should be located on Broadway, the Board of Directors made early efforts to secure suitable rooms on that thoroughfare, and were fortunate in hiring the rooms on the corner of Broadway and 12th Street, which they are fitting up, and will have ready for occupancy in the course of twelve days. This location we esteem to be the best (for our purpose) on Broadway, and we have every reason to believe that our rooms will be more largely frequented by our members and others than ever before. They are on the second floor of the building, and of easy access; it is our purpose to make them very attractive, so that all will find it pleasant to spend their unoccupied hours in them.

Lecture Committee.

A series of lectures have been delivered before the Association during the season, by Rev. Drs. Tyng and Storrs, and Rev. H. W. Beecher, and Sabbath evening sermons have been preached by Rev. Dr. Magoon of Albany, Professor Wilson of Allegheny City, Pa, Dr. Clark of Hartford, Rev. Peter Stryker, Dr. Morgan, Rev. Mr. Dutcher, and others of this city. The most of these sermons have been well attended, and have undoubtedly resulted in good to the young, for whose special benefit they were delivered.

Our Second Annual Festival, or Tea Gathering, was held at Mozart Hall on the evening of January 12th, and was largely attended. The addresses delivered on the occasion by the Rev. John M. Krebs, D. D., Rev. Henry Martyn Seudder, M. D., Rev. A. D. Gillette, D. D., Rev. A. Kingman Nott, Hon. Hiram Ketchum, Geo. H. Stuart, Esq., of Philadelphia, Prof. O. M. Mitehell and others, were much to the point, and the whole entertainment proved the propriety of cultivating the *social* ele-

ment of our organization with a care second only to that given to the *spiritual*, if, indeed, they can be considered distinct.

Treasurer's Report.

A reference to the Treasurer's report will give the necessary information as to the expenses of the Association. We repeat, we have been seriously cramped in our efforts to do good from the want of funds, and hope the friends of the cause will not suffer us longer to lack the means to make this Association the most useful in our land. We confidently hope that Christian men will not overlook what others are doing for the associations of Boston, Philadelphia, London, and other places. We must be sustained. Seven years of labor comparatively unaided by our churches, with results for good—such as our history shows—cannot but be a recommendation, and feeling as we do that we possess a great moral power, which can, nay must be exerted upon this city, we claim in the name of Him whom we serve, and whose cause we are laboring to advance, not only an interest in their sympathy and prayers, but pecuniary aid, and their personal presence to counsel and advise. With these encouragements we doubt not our labors would be much more efficient for good.

Church Associations.

We cannot overlook the fact that there exist in our several churches, associations of young men, whose objects are somewhat similar, especially in their social character. We have, it is true, looked upon the increasing number of these local organizations with distrust, regarding them as calculated to sap the foundation of our own. From a closer and more careful examination we are fully satisfied that we are mistaken, and

that they can be made to produce favorable results to our Association. We therefore hail the formation of these Associations, and bid them God speed in their labors. In those already in active operation, we recognize among their most active and zealous members the very best men of our own body. "The field is the world and the harvest is ripe," and the more laborers we can bring into the field the better for the cause of our common Christianity. We are looking forward to the time when all of these local bodies shall be represented in the General Association, and thus extend their usefulness. The subject we are sure will receive the early attention of the new Board of Directors, and prompt action will result therefrom.

Correspondence, etc.

During the year the Corresponding Secretary has received many letters from kindred associations, both in our own and other lands. It is gratifying to note the prominence into which many of the institutions have been brought by the "great awakening," and the marked influence for good which they have been permitted to exert among all classes of the people. The daily noon meetings originated, as we believe, by members of our own association, and under Heaven, so wonderfully blessed on this continent, have been established in the old world, and attended with the happiest results. The Second Ecumenical Conference of the Associations convened at Geneva, Switzerland, in August last, and was attended by delegates from Great Britain, France, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Sardinia, Australia and America. The sessions continued during four days, and many valuable practical papers were presented, and many pleasant and profitable discussions had by the delegates. At the conclusion the following resolutions were adopted, viz :

The Delegates of the Young Men's Christian Associations of all countries, met in Conference at Geneva, invite the Members of all the Young Men's Christian Associations

1. To be more watchful over their own conduct, and not to neglect the obligations involved in the public testimony they have rendered by joining the Young Men's Christian Association.

2. Not to forget that while the Young Men's Christian Association is formed in part to unite them in one common love, it is above all for the active purpose of the evangelization of Young Men. It is only by courageously laboring to bring Young Men to the LORD JESUS CHRIST that the Association can be maintained and receive blessing.

3. After having examined the question of *the need of recreation natural to Young Men*,

Ought it to occupy the attention of the Young Men's Christian Association?

In what measure can the Association satisfy it?

The Delegates recognise that the Associations ought to occupy themselves with this need of recreation, but as sanctifying it—leaving to each Association a certain liberty to choose the nature and the mode of recreation according to national taste and local conveniences.

4. The Delegates, in the most pressing manner, urge the Association to form in their midst Meetings for Special Prayer, and as regularly as possible, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and a new awakening throughout the whole world.

It should be observed that the Resolutions adopted by the Conference, express the opinions and feelings of the assembled Brethren, but were not designed to bind any of the Associations, which are in no way responsible for their views, though the members generally will doubtless gratefully respond to their earnest and affectionate counsels.

The Associations in America now number about 200 ; in Great Britain 100 ; in France 70 ; in Germany 90 ; in Switzerland 70 ; in Holland 17 ; in Australia 4 ; with an aggregate membership (of all classes) of not far from 50,000 young men—a noble army indeed, and one well calculated to alarm the hosts of sin.

The first conference of the British Associations was held at Leeds, in September last. It was an occasion of much interest.

We have been privileged to welcome at our meetings many friends from other associations, both at home and abroad, and

take this opportunity to thank them for their good cheer, and to invite all who may be visiting our metropolis to give us a friendly call: "As iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the countenance of a man his friend."

We would further thank our brethren of other Associations for the fellowship extended to those of our own members who during the year have had occasion to visit them. Travel is now doubly agreeable to the Christian young man in that at every point he may meet those of his own age and sympathies ready to greet him in the Holy name of Jesus, and make his sojourn "as at a friend's house."

And now, judging by the past, we are confident that by the Divine blessing, the future of our beloved Association will be yet more abundant in gratifying and substantial results. We commend it and all kindred organizations for the spiritual well-being of young men, to the prayers of God's people, and the sympathy of a generous public.

BENJAMIN F. MANIERRE,

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